

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
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 Hesketh *et al.*) Art Unit: 1656
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 For: PROTEIN EXPRESSION SYSTEM)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 17, 2009, which set forth three-month period for reply, *i.e.*, November 17, 2009, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response. Applicants also enclose a Request for Continued Examination with the corresponding fee, and a Petition for an Extension of Time with the corresponding fee to extend the period for reply by two months, *i.e.*, to January 17, 2010. Applicants believe that this Amendment and Response is timely filed as the United States Patent and Trademark Office was closed on Monday, January 18, 2010 for a federal holiday. In light of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered and placed in condition for allowance.

A **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.8, I certify that this correspondence is being transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents, **MAIL STOP RCE**, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 2231-124503 via the USPTO's EFS-Web Electronic Filing System on **January 19, 2010**.

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